Since the menace of dowry is a reflection of women's low status in society, Government has taken a number of steps to raise the status of women and to change the societal attitudes towards girls and women. These include media campaigns, awareness generation camps, spreading legal literacy, counselling, legal aid, support to voluntary agencies and schemes for socio-economic empowerment of women including providing immediate succour to victims such as setting up of short stay homes.

Kendriya vIdyalayas/Navoday a Schools

1250. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Schools are running in every Parliamentary Constituency in the country, and

(b) if not, whether Government would take time bound implementation of the Scheme to have such school in every Constituency to cater the need of the target groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Proposals for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Civil and Defence Sector are considered if sponsored by Ministries or Department of Government of India/State Government/Union Territories Administration/Organization of employees belonging to eligible categories. However, these proposals are considered subject to fulfillment of terms and conditions which *inter alia* include availability of 15 acres of land free of cost, concentration of least 1000 employees of Central Government/Defence Services and availability of at least 200 children to various classes.

As regards Navodaya Vidyalaya, the existing Navodaya Vidyalayas admit children from target groups from all over the District covering all the Parliamentary Constituencies of the district concerned where the Vidyalayas are established.

Promotion of lecturers

1251. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has issued guidelines for promoting Lecturer as Senior Lecturer/Reader under career advance scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Notification (NO.F.1-22/97-U1 dated 27-7-1998) implementing the UGC Scheme 1996 under section 7.20 clause (ii) and under section 7.30 clause (iv), contains, a provision of "other appropriate continuing education programmes of comparable quality as may be specified or approved by the Commission";

(d) if so, the details of such other education programmes;

(e) whether common wealth fellowship scheme and BOYS cast fellowship scheme is a part of above comparable qualification; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A lecturer will be eligible for placement in a senior scale through a procedure of selection, if she/he has:

i) Completed 6 years of service after regular appointment with relaxation of one year and two years, respectively, for those with M. Phil and Ph. D.

ii) Participated in one orientation course and one refresher course of approved duration, or engaged in other appropriate continuing education programmes of comparable quality as may be specified or approved by the University Grants Commission (Those with Ph.D degree would be exempted from one refresher course).

iii) Consistently satisfactory performance appraisal reports.

Lecturer in the Senior Scale who do hot have a Ph.D degree or equivalent published work, and who do not meet the scholarship and research standards, but fulfil the other criteria given above for the post of Reader, and have a good record in teaching and, preferably, have contributed in various ways such as to the corporate life of the institution, examination work, or through extension activities, will be placed in the Selection Grade, subject to the recommendations of the Selection Committee which is the same as for promotion to the post of Reader. They will be designated as Lecturers in the Selection Grade. They could

offer themselves for fresh assessment after obtaining Ph.D and/or fulfilling other requirements for promotion as Reader and, if found suitable, could be given the designation of Reader.

A lecturer in the Senior Scale will be eligible for promotion to the post of Reader if she/hcj has:

i) Completed 5 years of service in senior scale.

ii) Obtained a Ph.D degree or has equivalent published work.

iii) Made some mark in the areas of scholarship and research as evidenced e.g. by self assessment, reports of referees, quality of publications, contribution to educational innovation, design of new courses anc curricula and extension activities.

iv) After placement in the Senior scale participated in two refresher courses/summer institutes of approved duration, or engaged in other appropriate continuing education programmes of comparable quality as may be specified or approved by the University Grants Commission, and

v) Possesses consistently good performance appraisal reports.

(c) and (d) In terms of the provisions of the Government of India Notification No.F.1-22/97-U.I. dated 27.7.1998, UGC has since issued a Notification No.F.3-1/94(PS) dated 24.12.1998. This Notification *vide* its clauses No. 7.2.0(ii) and 7.4.1(v) contain such provision. UGC has not prepared any list of programmes of comparable quality.

(e) and (f) The question does not arise.

Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi

1252. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi raised for maintaining and upgrading infrastructure etc. of the concerned Kendriya Vidyalaya has recently been used for other purposes;

(b) if, so, the details thereof and justification therefor; and

(c) whether the practice is continuing even now?